

dropped by 20 percent, leaving millions without the full assistance to which they are entitled and millions more without any help at all.

In my hometown of Louisville, I hear from people who work hard every day with less to show for it. Seniors, who deserve to live out their golden years comfortably, now face the choice of paying for medicine, food, or energy.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting full funding for this crucial program so that millions of LIHEAP-qualifying Americans won't be left alone to face potentially life-threatening heat this summer.

ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Armenian Remembrance Day and remember the 1.5 million Armenians annihilated during the final years of the Ottoman Empire, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to reflect on the continuing violence in places like Darfur, Kenya, and Zimbabwe.

In addition to the genocide of Armenians, the 20th Century bore witness to the loss of 6 million Jews and 400,000 other persons deemed "undesirable" by the Nazis and the modern-day horrors in Cambodia and Rwanda. Unfortunately, and all too often, we have not learned from past genocides. A vicious circle of noninvolvement and noninterference continues.

Today I wish to recall the past in order to bring about hope for a brighter, more peaceful future and reconciliation of the people of Armenia and Turkey. Only through a thorough examination of history and open acknowledgment of the past will the plight of the Armenians be fully understood.

And as we continue confronting atrocities taking place today and seek to prevent them from occurring in the future, we must also be resolute in acknowledging genocides of the past.

THANKING REPUBLICANS FOR SUPPORTING THE NO OIL PRODUCING AND EXPORTING CARTELS ACT OF 2008

(Mr. KAGEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle and in particular Representatives RYAN, SENSENBRENNER, and PETRI from Wisconsin for joining me in passing this bill yesterday. It's called the "No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2008."

For 7 years the Cheney and Bush administration has done nothing, nothing at all to break up the oil cartels overseas. They have done nothing to reduce

the cost of our gasoline at the pump. And wherever I have been in Wisconsin, from Green Bay to Appleton, from Marinette to Minocqua, and everywhere I go in northeast Wisconsin, people are saying, "Kagen, there are two things you can do to put more money in my pocket: Cut the cost of gasoline and reduce our health care costs." And this bill, voted on and supported by 103 Republicans in a bipartisan manner, will help to do just that. It will make it illegal for anyone to conspire to raise our price of gasoline.

Thank you, thank you, my Republicans, for supporting me in this act.

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EXPAND OIL PRODUCTION

(Mr. MCCRERY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I was driving my 14-year-old son to school this morning, listening to the radio, and it mentioned that the price of oil had increased to over \$130 a barrel. My son said, Dad, why don't we just tell OPEC to produce more oil? I thought about it and I said, Well, son, as a matter of fact, President Bush was over in Saudi Arabia the other day and asked if Saudi Arabia would increase its output.

But I suspect that the leaders of OPEC might turn that question around on the United States and say, Why doesn't the United States increase its output of oil?

The answer is Democrats have blocked every commonsense effort to expand production in this country for years now, and it's time for that opposition to stop and face reality. We need a balanced energy program in this country, one that recognizes that for the immediate future we are going to need oil and gas, and, yes, we need to develop alternative fuel sources as well. But you can't do just one. You have to do both.

CYBERBULLYING

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a growing national trend, cyberbullying.

Many of us know of the dangers our kids already face online: predators, fraud, and sexually explicit material. Now children are also facing online bullying. When a young person is ridiculed or threatened online, it can have severe and even tragic effects.

A perfect case in point is Megan Meier, a St. Louis teenager who made friends with a young man named Josh online. The friendship soon deteriorated, with Josh telling Megan, "The world would be better off without you." Megan Meier committed suicide.

Six weeks after Megan's death came the horrifying news that Josh was ac-

tually just an alias created by the mother of one of Megan's former friends. At the time of Megan's death, cyberbullying was not considered a crime. The adult responsible for the hoax went unpunished. Recently, Federal charges were filed, but the prosecutor had to be creative because Federal law is inadequate. That is wrong.

Congress must act soon to send a clear message: Online actions have offline consequences.

WAR FUNDING BILLS SHOULD BE ABOUT WAR FUNDING

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. I think war funding bills ought to be about war funding. Last week, the Democrat Congress tried and failed to pass an Iraq funding bill by piling billions of dollars in unrelated domestic spending and higher taxes on the backs of our soldiers. But because House Republicans took a stand, the American people could plainly see that the majority of the majority is willing to cut off funding to our soldiers, even when they are in harm's way.

With Memorial Day just around the corner, this Congress should stop playing politics with funding for our troops. We should pass a clean Iraq funding bill, legislation authored by Representative JERRY LEWIS of California, and we should pass it this week. As we prepare to remember the heroes of conflicts past, let's make sure that today's heroes have the resources they need to get the job done and come home safe.

DEMOCRATS PUT TROOPS AND VETERANS FIRST WITH NEW GI BILL

(Mr. ARCURI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, last week, Congress, with strong Democratic support, passed the new GI Bill, which provides all veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars the promise of a full 4-year college scholarship. The bill makes veterans a part of the American economic recovery.

The original GI Bill in 1944 allowed millions of families to achieve the American Dream. It also set our economy on the right course after World War II. For every dollar spent on the GI Bill, \$7 were returned to the economy. A similar economic spark is needed today. You would think that the new GI Bill would gain the support of President Bush. But he opposes it. Unfortunately, the vast majority of House Republicans opposed the bill when it was on the floor last week. We must make sure that the brave men and women that we are sending off to battle have everything they need and deserve when they return home.